P-04-652 Android and IOS, Welsh in the 21ˢᵗ Century

Petition wording:

We call on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to work with Google and Apple to develop a Welsh language version of their operating systems.

Additional Information

In recent years Welsh has had much greater representation in businesses, schools, universities, local councils and other public authorities; this had led to greater usage of Welsh in day to day activities for Welsh speakers, but that progress needs to be built on in order to stabilize and grow the number of speakers.

In this way, formal every day usage of Welsh could be seen as a success but informal every day usage of Welsh is the bigger problem. As for deep growth in language, knowledge isn't encouraged by formal usage. To deal with this issue it would be prudent to apply the same pressures and agreements presented to Microsoft on to Google and Apple to develop a Welsh language implementation of the android OS and iOS respectively.

Informal usage is proof of a living language.

Petition raised by: Merlyn Cooper

Date petition first considered by Committee: 6 October 2015
Number of signatures: 75 Online signatures